

Guilty Verdict, Guilty Plea in Sussex Cases

David Elder, 45, of Lewes, was found guilty by a Superior Court jury of the rape of a senior citizen and faces a mandatory life sentence because of previous convictions that qualify him for sentencing as an habitual offender. In the early morning hours of December 28, 2015, Elder unlawfully entered the residence of a 78-year-old woman and raped her while wearing a ski mask to disguise his identity. After a four-day jury trial prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Casey L. Ewart, Elder was convicted of Rape First Degree, Rape Second Degree, Burglary First Degree, and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony on December 15, 2017. Elder is already a registered sex offender as a result of a 1993 conviction for Unlawful Sexual Contact Second Degree, and he was previously declared to be an habitual offender in connection with a conviction for Failure to Re-Register as a Sex Offender in 2012. Sentencing is scheduled for January 26, 2018, and Elder is facing a mandatory life sentence for the Rape First Degree charge. DOJ paralegal Veronica McKain and Administrative Specialist Angelique Waters provided valuable assistance to the prosecution team, while Det. Joshua Rowley of the Delaware State Police and DOJ Social Worker Carla Ennals played vital roles in the successful prosecution of this case.

A Laurel man who raped and impregnated a teenage girl faces a minimum sentence of 10 years, with the possibility of up to 50 years in prison, after pleading guilty on December 15, 2017, to charges of Rape Second Degree, Sexual Abuse of a Child by a Person in a Position of Trust, Supervision, or Authority 2nd Degree, Rape 4th Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Defendant Omar Cameron repeatedly raped a juvenile girl over a lengthy period of time ending in early 2017, until one

of those rapes caused the victim to become pregnant. After the victim's mother learned of the pregnancy, she reported it to the authorities and Cameron was arrested. DNA testing subsequently confirmed that Cameron was responsible for impregnating the victim. A sentencing date is pending. Det. Tyler Bryan of the Laurel Police Department led the investigation and arrested Cameron, while Deputy Attorney General Casey L. Ewart prosecuted the case and was assisted by Administrative Specialist Angelique Waters and Social Worker Carla Ennals.